

## Welcome to Tudhoe Moor Nursery School

Hello everyone and welcome back!

It is lovely to have all of our children back with us once again. This should be another busy half term for us with some lovely activities planned for children. We will try and share as many photos as we can via Tapestry or our Facebook page.

We are sure the half term will fly by and are very much looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Hymers who will be returning in April.

Amanda Bond – Acting Head Teacher

## Dates for your diary

Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
w/c Mon 20th March	Easter bonnet decorating
Tuesday 28th March	Chocolate tombola
Wednesday 29th March	Easter 'Stay and Play'
Friday 31st March	Break up for Easter holidays
Monday 17th April	School places offered
Monday 17th April	First day back at school

## World Book Day

To celebrate this year's World Book Day, please can your child come into nursery wearing their pyjamas (warm ones please!) and bring a teddy and their favourite book. We will run lots of sessions throughout the day for children to share their stories and cuddle up with their teddy.

Please bring outside shoes and a coat so that children can still play outside.

## Chicks

We will be hatching chicks from Monday 20th March for around two weeks. Children will be able to watch the different stages of them hatching and hold them. Keep an eye out for photos on Tapestry!



## **Easter Stay and Play**

Every Easter, we celebrate with children by decorating Easter bonnets and performing some Easter songs too. We will be holding a 'Stay and Play' day on Wednesday 29th March for you to come and join in with some Easter activities and see your child sing. There will be a sign-up sheet for you to choose either



Morning (9:15am to 11:15am)

OR

Afternoon (12:45pm to 2:45pm)

We would also like to invite you to come and decorate your child's Easter bonnet with them in school. School will provide the bonnets and decorations. We have the following sessions available for you to sign up to:

Purple – Tues 21st March at 11:30am or Thurs 23rd March at 11:30am.

Yellow (3 year olds) – Tues 21st March at 3:00pm or Wed 22nd March at 11:30am.

Yellow (2 year olds) – Tues 21st March at 12:30pm or Wed 22nd March at 12:30pm.

Red and Blue – Wed 22nd March at 3:00pm or Thurs 23rd March at 3:00pm



If your child attends after-school club, you may choose to attend Wed 22nd March from 4:15pm or Thurs 23rd March from 4:15pm instead of the one listed for your child's colour group. Please speak to Mrs Paley to confirm what time you will be able to attend.

## **Chocolate Tombola**

We will be holding a chocolate tombola on Tuesday 28th March to help raise funds for our summer party. You can buy tickets on the day from 7:45am to 9:15am. If there are any left we will continue to sell tickets at home time but please be aware they may go quickly! If you are able to donate any Easter eggs or chocolate, we would appreciate this. Please hand them in to the school office no later than Monday 20th March.



## **What are we learning this half-term?**

Our main theme this half term is traditional tales.

We will be reading:

- Jack and the Beanstalk
- The Gingerbread Man
- Goldilocks and the Three Bears



We will also be celebrating Mother's Day and Easter with the children.

In Maths we are focusing on numbers up to 10 (and beyond) and what these numbers represent. We will be teaching 2D and 3D shapes and children will be making their own patterns.

We will be using the garden to develop children's physical skills through climbing, ball play and using the parachute. Children will have the opportunity to apply and further develop these gross motor skills through dance and gymnastic in P.E. sessions. We are doing lots of work to develop fine motor skills too which will help children to be able to hold a pencil properly and start to write recognisable letters.

## **Snack money**



We ask for a voluntary contribution of £2 per week for 30 hour children and £1 per week for 15 hour children. This money is used to provide a snack for the children in the morning and the afternoon. We also use it to buy additional resources, e.g. items for baking or special activities in nursery; without these contributions we would not be able to do this. You can put your donation in the money box at the front door.

## **School places – September 2023**

An offer will be sent to parents and carers on Monday 17th April 2023 through the online account you created when you submitted your child's application. You can log in to see the school your child has been offered.

If you wish to accept the place, you do not need to do anything– your child's place is automatically accepted. If you are not happy with the place your child has been offered, you will need to contact school admissions.